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Keeping Police Misconduct Secret

It seems clear that Oakland police and other law enforcement agencies only plan to reveal body-camera video if the footage shows that cops did nothing wrong.

By Robert Gammon

Oakland Police Department officials came under fire last week for showing police body-camera videos to a group of select journalists, while refusing to release the footage to the general public. First Amendment experts widely agreed that OPD's actions likely violated the California Public Records Act, and that, at minimum, the department should now show the videos, which involved the two recent deaths of local citizens, to anyone who wants to see them. And, while those criticisms are valid, last week's video disclosures also raise important questions about how and when police departments will reveal video footage at a time when law enforcement agencies around the state are increasingly mandating that all cops use body cameras.

It seems clear from OPD's actions last week that the department plans to reveal body-camera footage if it shows police officers did nothing wrong. It also appears likely that OPD will withhold body-camera footage if it contains evidence that the cops involved engaged in misconduct. After all, if a department plans to discipline or fire an officer based on the contents of a body-camera video, it likely will treat that footage as being a confidential personnel matter — much as it does with other evidence of wrongdoing. Don't expect to see any body-camera footage of police officers behaving badly — at least not until the issue is litigated in the courts, or the legislature and the governor enact a more open police transparency law in California.

According to *Express* staff writer Darwin BondGraham, who viewed the OPD body-camera videos last week, none showed evidence of police misconduct. The first set of videos, involving the death of Nathaniel Wilks, who was killed by police on August 12, showed Wilks carrying what appeared to be a handgun. And at the end of a one of three videos, which appeared to have been recent and unedited, a black pistol is visible next to Wilks' head as he lay on the ground after police shot him.

The other set of videos concerned the July 29 death of Richard Linyard, who police say died when he got trapped in between two buildings after fleeing from police following a traffic stop. Again, the videos showed no wrongdoing — although the circumstances of Linyard's death are extremely sad.

Oakland police spokesperson Johnna Watson said that the investigations into the deaths of Wilks and Linyard are ongoing — but if evidence surfaces of police misconduct in those cases, it won't be from the videos shown to reporters last week. Consequently, OPD has no good reason for not releasing those videos to the public right away.

However, videos that reveal wrongdoing by cops are another matter. Jim Chanin, an East Bay civil rights attorney who specializes in police misconduct cases, said it likely will take a lawsuit to force OPD to reveal body-camera video footage that shows police misconduct. And even then, a judge may place a gag order on the footage and only allow the attorneys involved to view it.

Why? Because California has the worst police transparency laws in the nation, and police unions in the state wield an extraordinary amount of influence in Sacramento, Chanin said. The legislature, he pointed out, has repeatedly refused to overturn or modify state laws and legal rulings that mandate that police officer misconduct must be kept secret from the public. One of those legal decisions is the 2006 California Supreme Court case, *Copley Press Inc. v. Superior Court*, which greatly restricted public access to police personnel issues. Another is the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act, an anti-transparency law signed by Jerry Brown during his first stint as governor in the 1970s. "And the legislature is even more so now," Chanin said. "They're all terrified — the friends ... look at all the police association money they get."

Terry Francke, a First Amendment expert with the open-government group Californians Aware, agreed that it likely will require a public-right-to-know lawsuit, perhaps filed by a news organization, to determine whether body-camera footage can be kept under wraps as a personnel matter. He noted that there is no legal case that directly addresses the issue.

Ironically, the only other type of body-camera video that might become public without litigation or a new law — besides the kind that shows no police wrongdoing — is footage that contains evidence of police criminality. If a district attorney decides to file criminal charges, say manslaughter or murder charges, against a police officer based on body-camera evidence, that footage might become public at trial, regardless of state laws that protect police personnel files. However, Chanin cautioned that it would still be up to the prosecutor, defense attorney, and the judge involved as to whether a gag order would be placed on the footage and whether the press and public would be barred from the courtroom when it was shown.

In other words, body cameras represent a good step forward toward police accountability in California. But we still have a long, long way to go.

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Legalization Measure to Debut Soon

The most credible effort is late out of the gate, while campaign warchests are missing in action. Meanwhile, California lawmakers are rushing to write rules for medical pot.

By David Downs

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Regulations Coming?

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The Damage of Youth Solitary Confinement

East Bay advocates want juvenile jails to stop isolating inmates — but correction officials continue to argue that the questionable tactic is essential to control "dangerous" kids.

By Sam Levin

In 1996, when he was two-and-a-half years old, DeAngelo Cortijo witnessed his mother attempt suicide. After that, he lived in a shelter and eventually ended up in long-term foster care. By age seven, he was regularly acting out in class, and on one particularly bad day when he was ten years old, he locked himself in a van on the way back to a group home, he recalled. That behavior landed Cortijo in San Francisco Juvenile Hall, where he soon got in altercations with other youth.

Faced with a number of childhood traumas, persistent gang violence in the neighborhoods he lived in, and a lack of stability and support at home, Cortijo ended up spending a significant amount of time in the juvenile detention facility during the next seven years. By age seventeen, he had spent a total of 682 days behind bars in San Francisco for a range of offenses — and subsequently spent roughly two more years in the state Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), which houses youth convicted of serious offenses.

The fact that he spent so much of his childhood in detention facilities demonstrates that the juvenile justice system has failed Cortijo in its stated objective of rehabilitation. On the contrary, he said his treatment behind bars greatly exacerbated his trauma and mental health struggles. And according to Cortijo, that's largely because officers in San Francisco and multiple DJJ facilities frequently locked him up in solitary confinement — isolating him in a small cell for hours or days on end allegedly for his own safety or as part of some treatment program to address behavior problems.

"At thirteen and fourteen years old, I was not some hardened criminal. But they were trying to paint me as being this monster," said Cortijo, who is now 22 years old. He was released from DJJ in 2014 and currently works as a youth representative at the National Center for Youth Law in Oakland. "I was going through a lot. I was angry. I was confused. I just wanted normalcy," he said.

Cortijo and a group of East Bay criminal justice reform advocates are now fighting for the passage of state legislation that would dramatically limit the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in county and state detention facilities. Senate Bill 1143 — co-sponsored by state Senator Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, and the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, an Oakland nonprofit — would ban the use of solitary confinement for longer than four hours at a time. The bill would prohibit officers from using solitary confinement as a form of punishment and would only allow isolation when juveniles pose an immediate, substantial risk to themselves or others. If an inmate poses a threat as a result of a mental disorder, facilities could not use solitary. The bill would further require facilities to document all instances of solitary through a new statewide reporting system.



DeAngelo Cortijo said he was held in juvenile solitary confinement for up to eight days at a time.

Proponents of SB 1143 cite extensive research that demonstrates the serious mental harms associated with solitary — especially for juveniles — and argue that the legislation will ensure that kids in detention aren't mistreated. But the bill — which passed the Senate in June and will soon face a vote in the Assembly Appropriations Committee — is up against substantial opposition from county and state probation and correctional officials. They contend that the restrictions would endanger staff and make it impossible to control violent inmates.

In a Senate hearing on SB 1143, former East Bay Assemblymember Alberto Torrico, speaking on behalf of the State Coalition of Probation Organizations, characterized juvenile inmates this way when arguing against the bill: "Literally, they're juveniles. They're kids, obviously. But some of them, physically, are not kids anymore — sixteen-, seventeen-year-olds, eighteen-year-olds that are 6-foot-something, 240 pounds. ... Unfortunately, some of these kids are very dangerous ... and they are sometimes physically imposing."

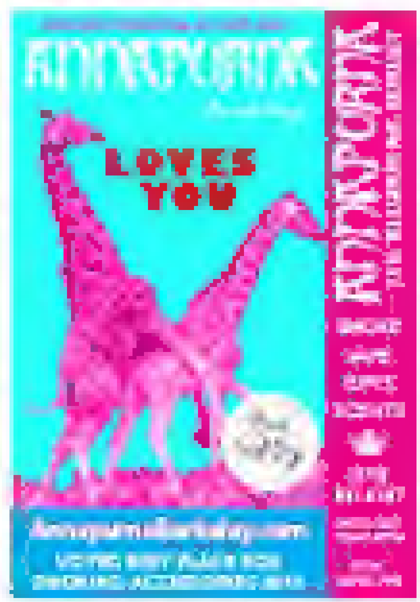
In a phone interview, Karen Pank, executive director of the Chief Probation Officers of California, said, "There are times where the safety of staff or others is certainly a big issue that we have to address." And Bill Sessa, spokesperson for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which oversees DJJ, said: "The youth [in DJJ] are no [illegible]. ... In many cases, they have a violent background."

SB 1143 supporters said these arguments reinforce harmful stereotypes of youth inmates — primarily young Black boys — as dangerous aggressors. And statements about the safety of staff tend to ignore the fact that even young pre-teens, who have often suffered immense traumas, are currently subject to cruel forms of confinement, advocates said. "They've been creating this image of a particular profile of a kid who's locked up. But we have kids who are twelve or eleven years old," said Jennifer Kim, Ella Baker Center's director of programs, who helped write the legislation. "It's fear-mongering."

The state's three DJJ correctional facilities currently house about seven hundred juveniles — all youth convicted of violent felonies or sex crimes, according to Sessa. Cortijo ended up at DJJ after a juvenile hall officer in San Francisco accused Cortijo of assaulting him. But Cortijo told me that he did not provoke the physical confrontation, and that the officer had previously threatened and harassed him. Cortijo provided me with records showing he had filed a formal grievance against the specific officer two months before the alleged assault.

And Cortijo further noted that his mental health had deteriorated significantly while in San Francisco as a result of long periods of isolation. Instead of helping him address his childhood





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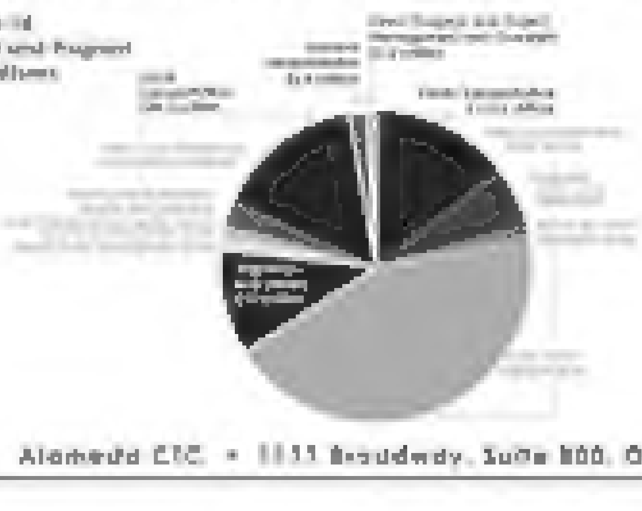
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East Oakland Residents to Breathe Easier

Activists led a successful campaign to reroute diesel-spewing trucks away from residential streets.

By Jean Tepperman

East Oakland residents suffer from some of the most polluted air in Alameda County, but they will soon breathe a little easier thanks to a successful, years-long campaign to get big-rig trucks off local streets. Last month, the Oakland City Council passed a comprehensive plan to reroute trucks away from residential streets in the neighborhoods around the Coliseum — the first revamping of the area's truck routes in more than fifty years.

Wlodzimierz Wlassowsky, manager of the city's Transportation Services Division, said the efforts by community members organized by Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) were "the primary reason" why the council approved the rerouting plan.

The change in truck routes was "an important step in addressing the multiple sources of pollution in East Oakland," said CBE organizer Nehanda Imara. On some streets it will make a big difference for local residents, she said. However, she cautioned that "there will still be trucks going up 98th Avenue because there's no other way to get from [Interstate] 880 through East Oakland."

Earlier this year, however, residents won a commitment from the city planning department to make long-term plans to separate pollution sources in East Oakland from homes and schools. After months of advocacy by community members, the city included that commitment in its development plan for the Coliseum area, and Imara said the process is moving forward.

In CBE meetings eight years ago, East Oakland residents identified air pollution as a major problem — their kids were more than twice as likely to be hospitalized with asthma as others in Alameda County. So they started researching where the pollution was coming from, using methods developed by the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

Longtime CBE member Marina Olivas-Benson said they first "went out with GPS devices" to map sources of pollution — trucks, factories, and auto repair shops. Next, residents mapped specific types of emissions, both toxic chemicals and the tiny particles that travel deep into the lungs. "About seven of us did a two-day training," said Olivas-Benson. They learned to use the devices that measure each type of pollution, as well as methods for recording and compiling the information. "A lady from the EPA came out and trained us," Olivas-Benson said. "She was surprised at how high our numbers were. It was wonderful to understand how to read all that and know what the numbers mean."



Nehanda Imara — Jean Tepperman

Data in hand, the neighbors decided to focus on diesel pollution, from both truck traffic and trucks that sit idling. "Diesel exhaust is linked to asthma and other respiratory diseases, cancer, premature death, heart attacks, and premature birth," wrote CBE researchers in a 2008 report, and "diesel particulate matter is among the most toxic air pollutants."

"When we decided as a community we did not want those eighteen-wheelers driving through our residential areas, we decided to map them," said Olivas-Benson. So in 2010, she and other CBE members organized another research effort, fanning out across the community to count the trucks on each street and identify places with a concentration of people especially vulnerable to air pollution, such as schools, libraries, and childcare and senior centers.

Joining neighborhood volunteers was a squad of teenagers, including Brittany Jackson, who participated as part of the mayor's summer jobs program. "I sat and watched the trucks and the number of axles on the trucks. There were about a thousand trucks a day coming down San Leandro Boulevard," Jackson recalled. "It was a good experience. I loved doing it and learned more about the community. I didn't know the trucks were polluting the air I was breathing."

CBE compiled the results in another report and brought it to East Oakland Councilmember Larry Reid. Imara said Reid "championed" their initiative, and his office contributed some of the funds it had available from the county's Measure B transportation money.

With additional funding from Oakland's former redevelopment agency, "we had about $100,000 to hire a consultant," said Wlassowsky of the city's Transportation Services Division. "We realized the truck routes were created in the 1960s, so it was really good to have the money to do a thorough study."

His department convened an advisory group with representatives of the community, the trucking industry, the Alameda County Public Health Department, and the Port of Oakland to work with the consultant to design the routes. It was a tough job but the problems were mostly technical. "We have to allow access of truckers to their destinations," said Peter Chen, a Transportation Services engineer. "But we said, 'Let's get them on the roads we want.' Because of the community group, [trucking companies] fully understand."

Imara of CBE said building the ongoing relationship between the community and the city was at least as important as the truck route change. The next step, said Wlassowsky, will be putting up signs and distributing maps to inform truckers and the community about the new routes.

Meanwhile, CBE members are getting ready for an end-of-the-month meeting with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to share the results of another community study, this one on the biggest, oldest industrial polluter in the neighborhood: the American Brass and Iron Foundry (ABI). "ABI has been there for over one hundred years," said CBE member Esther Goolsby. "We've been demanding that they fix their filters or find another way instead of just spitting out pollution. During lunch you can smell the chemicals. There are two elementary schools and a library right there — this affects the bodies of those elementary school kids."

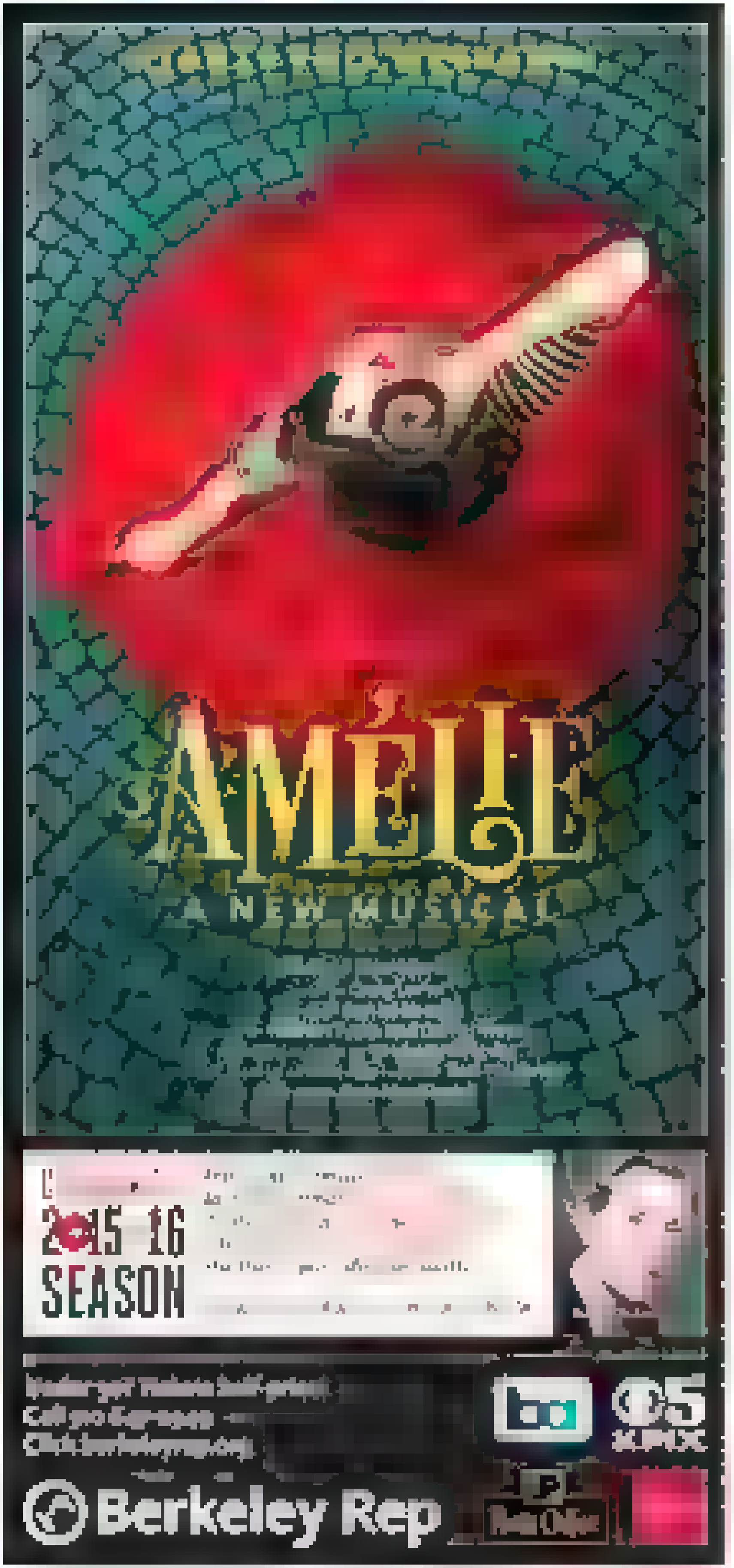
Last year, the air district required foundries, including ABI, to submit "emissions minimization plans." After ABI submitted its plan, CBE sent a comment listing important cleanup steps that the plan omitted. The air district will have input in the final plan. But its decision-making process is "taking place behind closed doors," wrote CBE attorney Roger Lin in an email. In their upcoming meeting with air district staff, residents will push for stricter rules that force ABI to cut pollution.

Pollution from diesel trucks is not only part of East Oakland's pollution problem, said CBE's Imara. It's also part of "the larger issue of the global movement of goods. It doesn't make sense to move apple juice from China to Oakland."

"Products made abroad are shipped overseas by ocean-going vessels that are more polluting than diesel trucks," Imara wrote in a recent blogpost. "The shipping containers that hold these goods are moved by diesel-powered machinery onto trains and/or trucks and moved to distribution centers in ... communities like East Oakland. The trucks spew particulate matter ... and toxic pollution into the air. ... We are not benefiting from this system. Instead we wish we had gardens, farmers, and land."

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From Interventions to Architecture: An Array of East Bay Art

This fall, the local art landscape will be populated with a sprawling range of conceptual and visual artworks.

By Sarah Burke

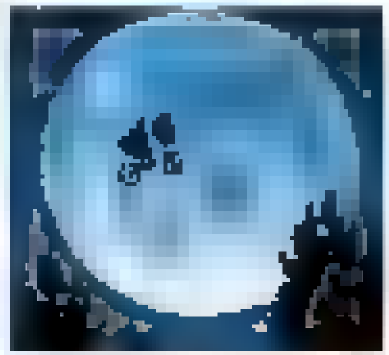


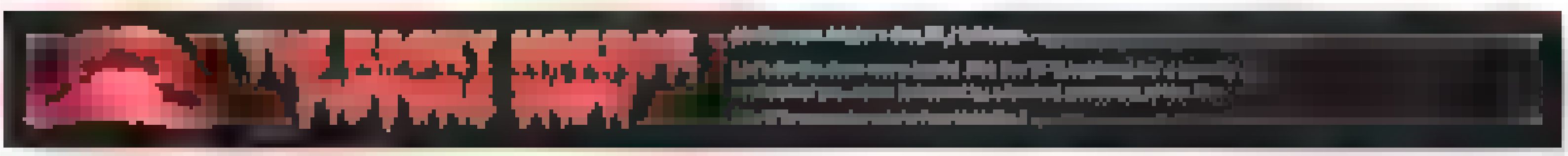
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The East Bay's appetite for both traditional and avant-garde classical is sure to be sated this coming season.

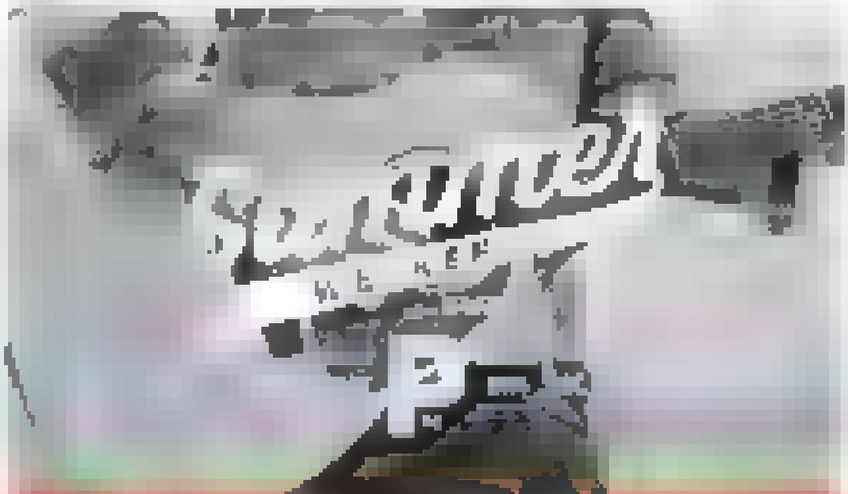
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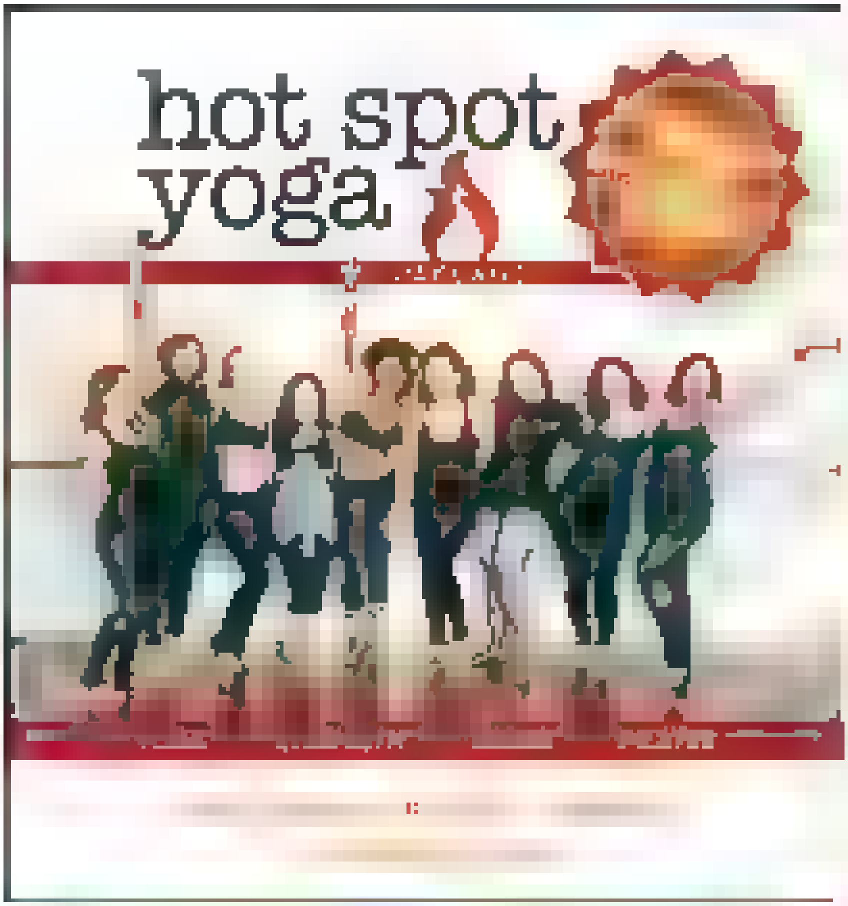




A Hub for Oakland Queers

As the city rapidly develops, Culture Collective is staking claim for LGBT people with a highly visible downtown center aimed at promoting queer art, retail, and community-building.

By Sam Levin

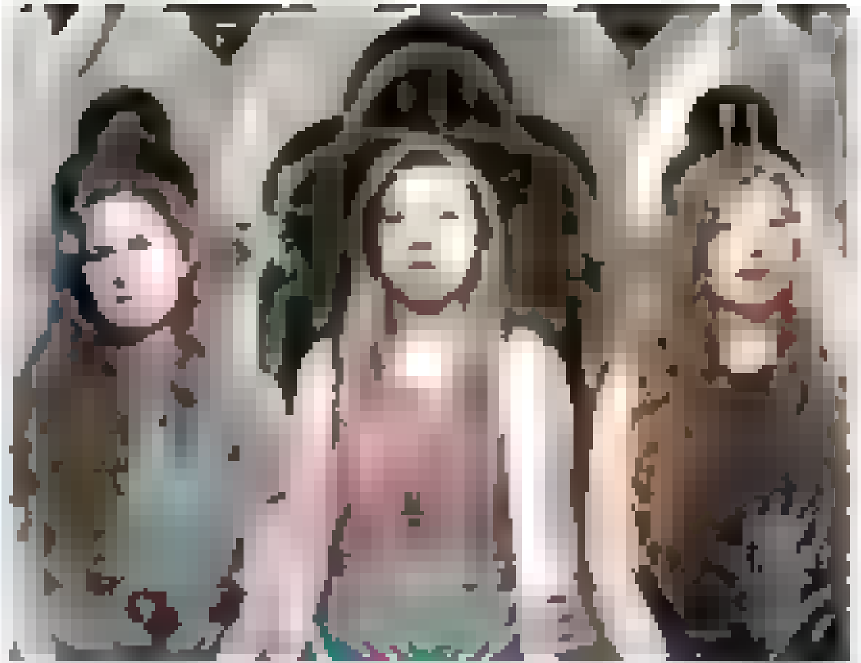

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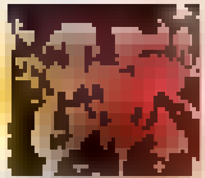



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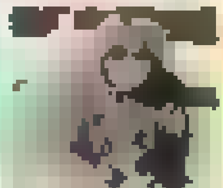

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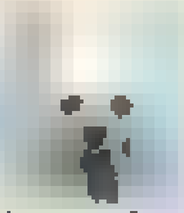
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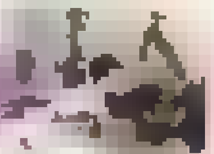


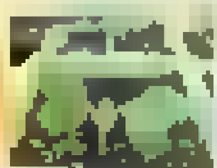


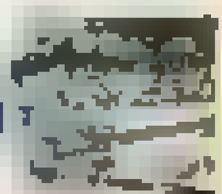
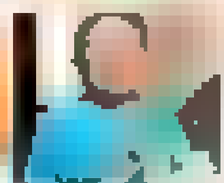


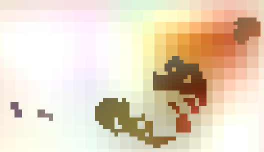









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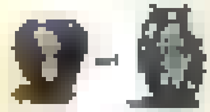








East Bay Food Not Bombs





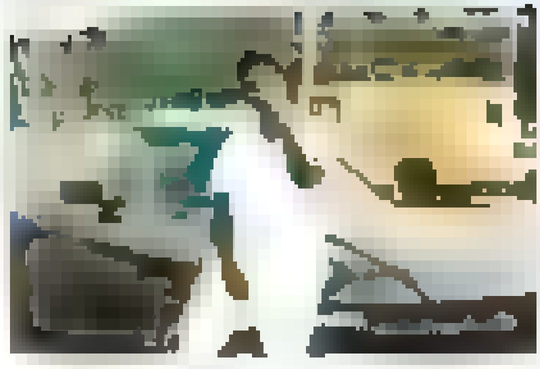






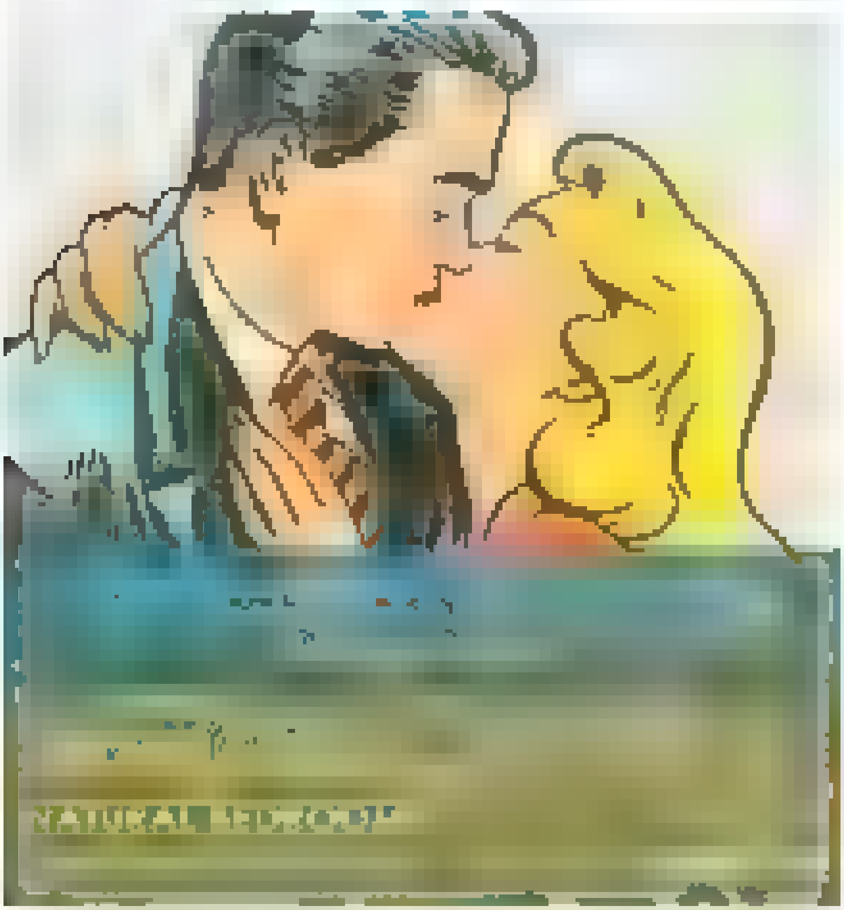
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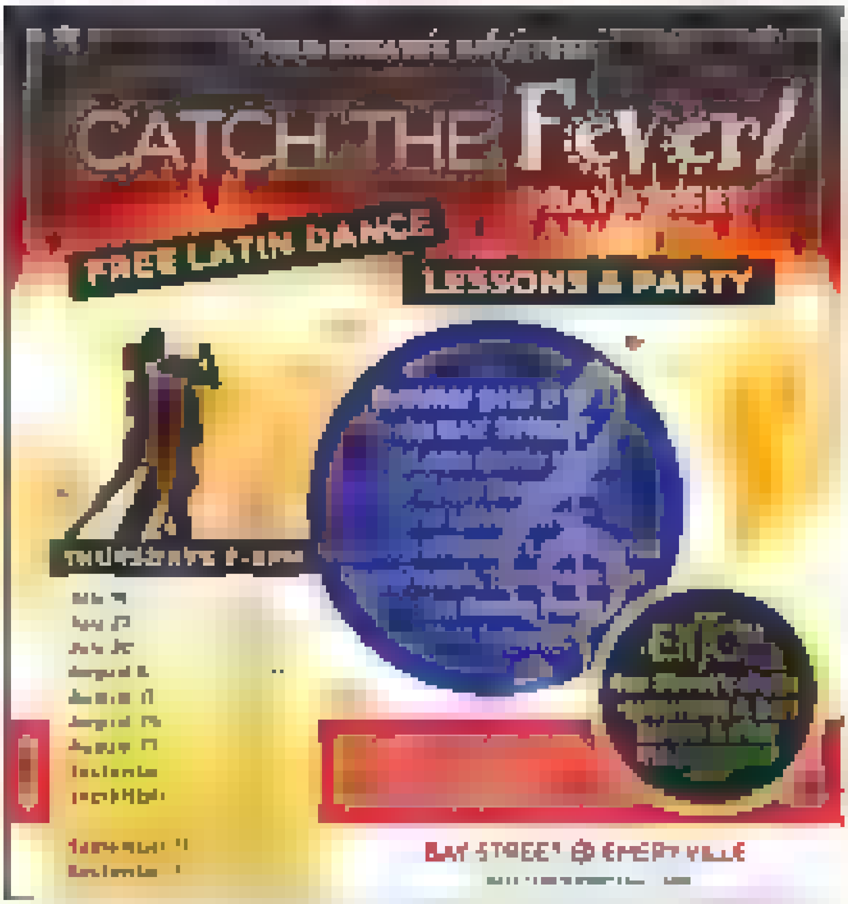



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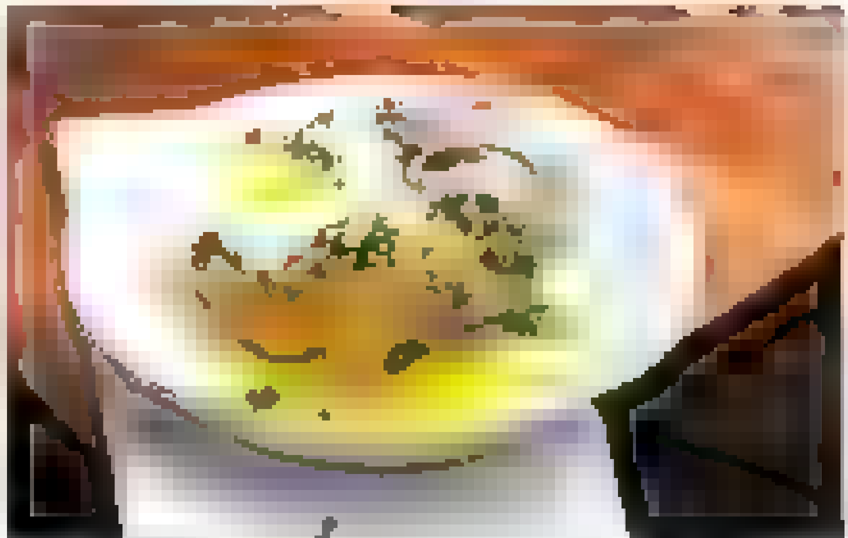


Amélie, A New Musical



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By Luke Tsai

Zut Tavern

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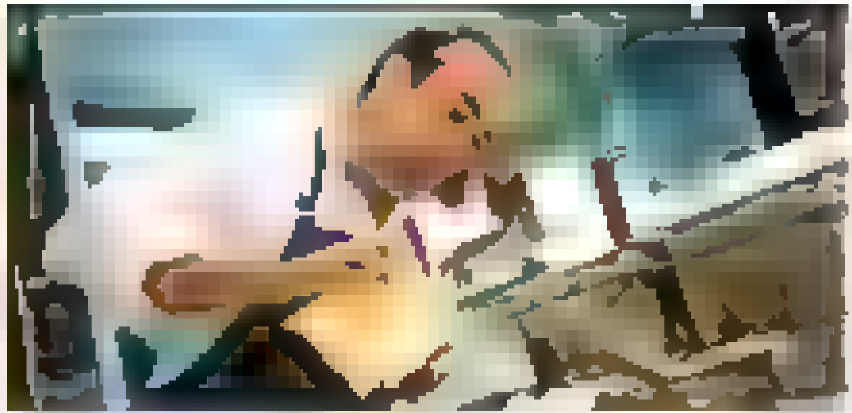
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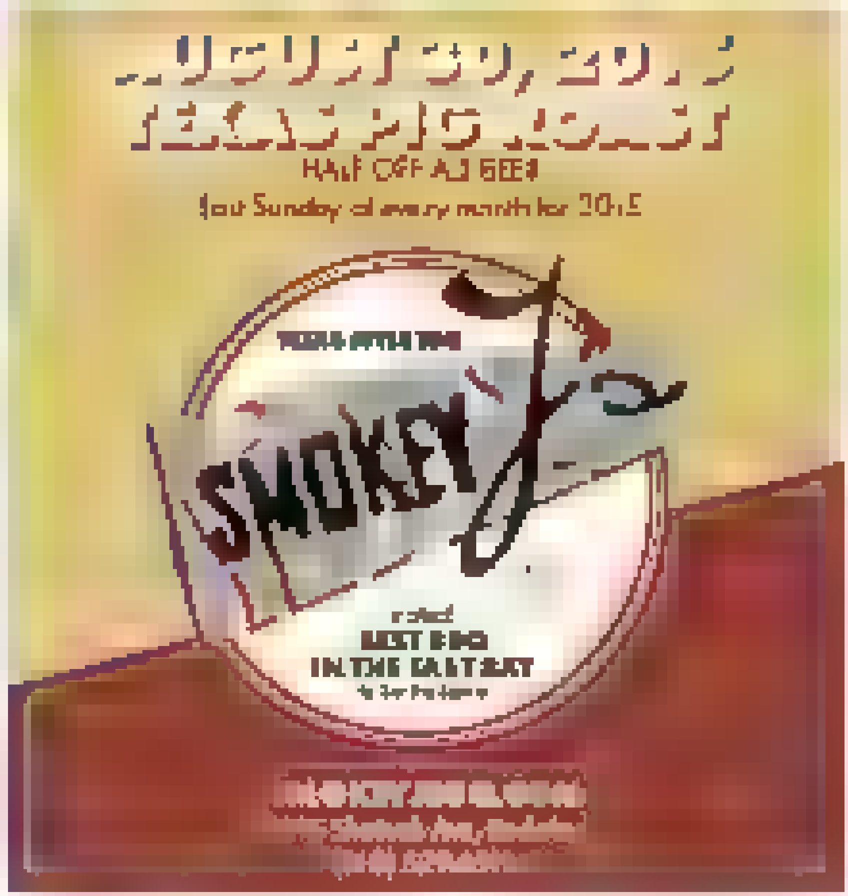


How to Dupe a 'Moderately Ok' Food Critic


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California Cuisine Restaurants in Berkeley

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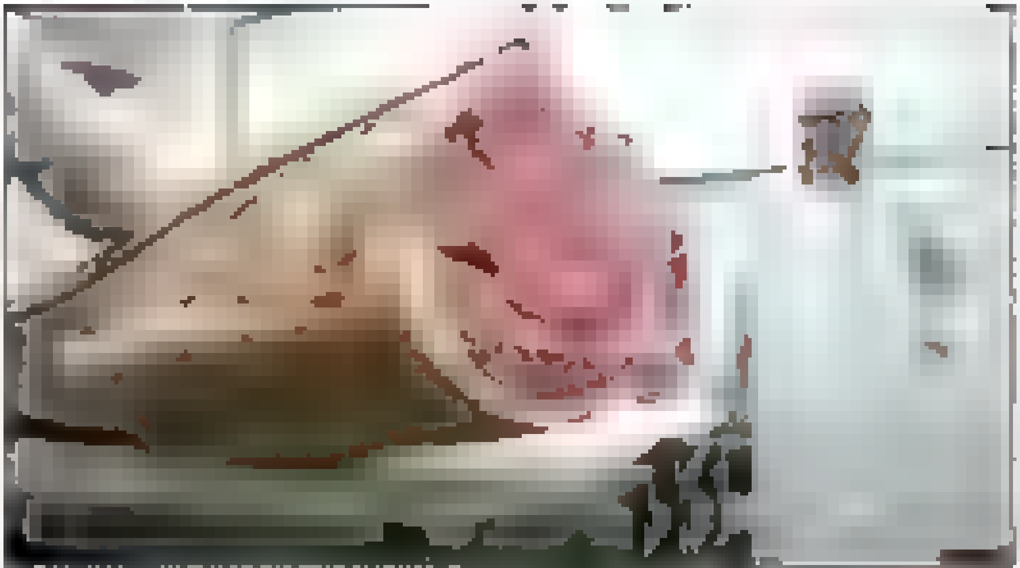
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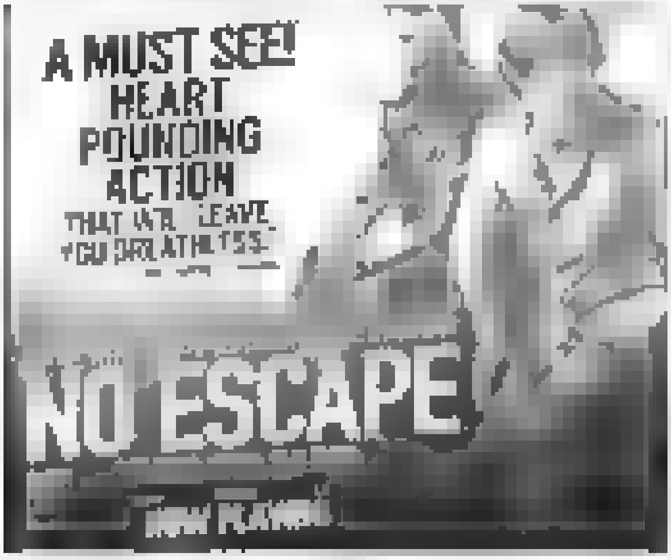


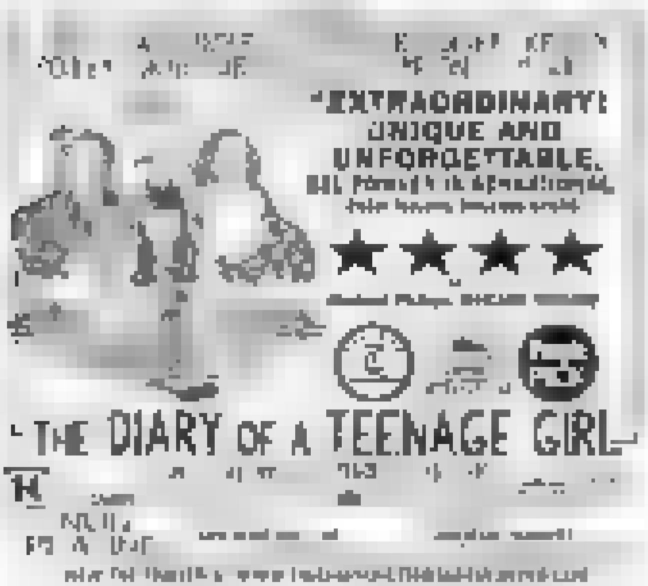
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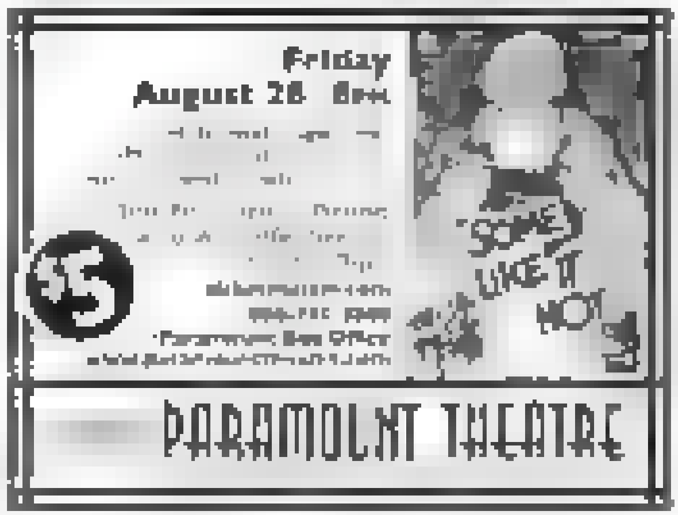
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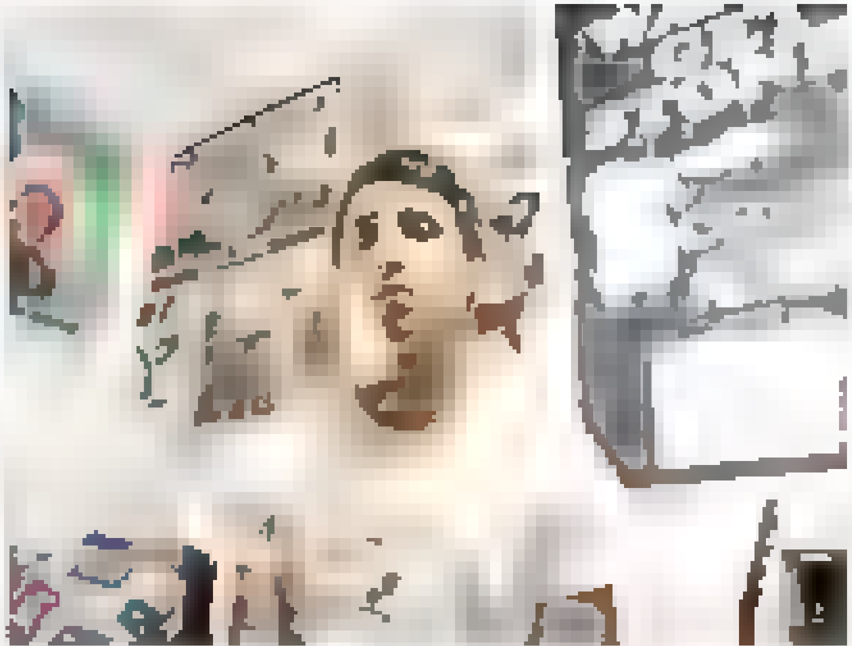
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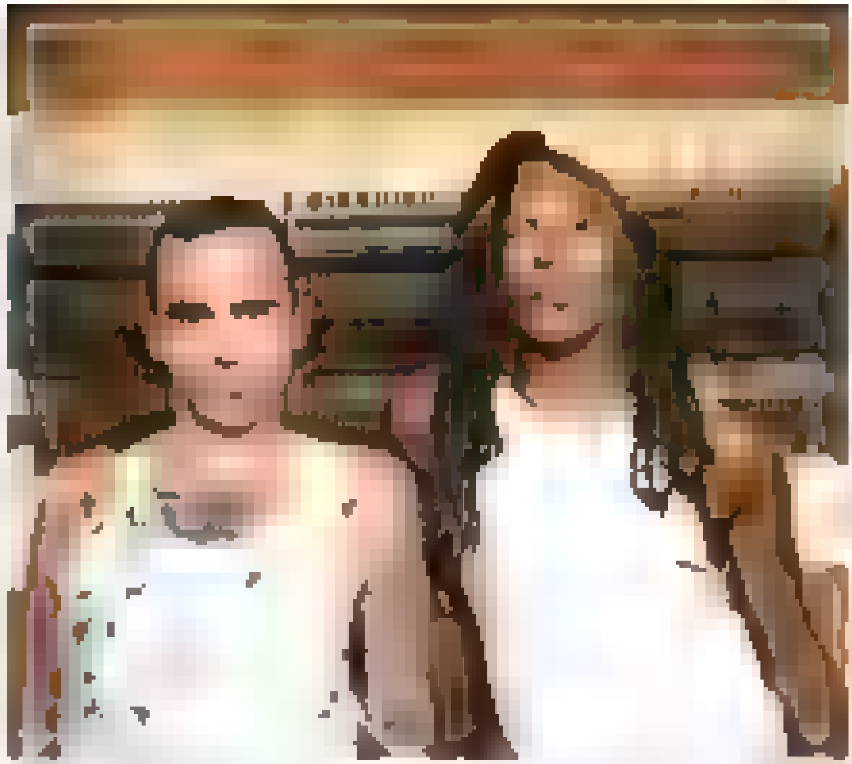


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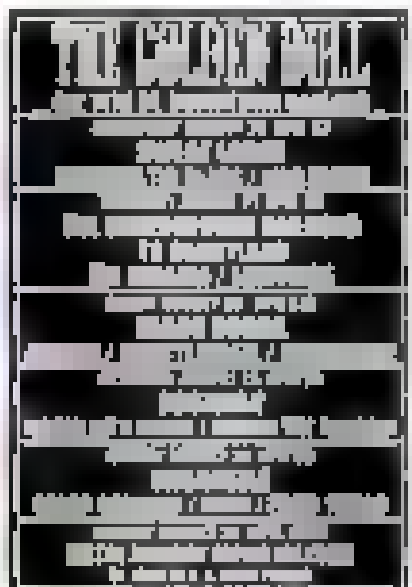
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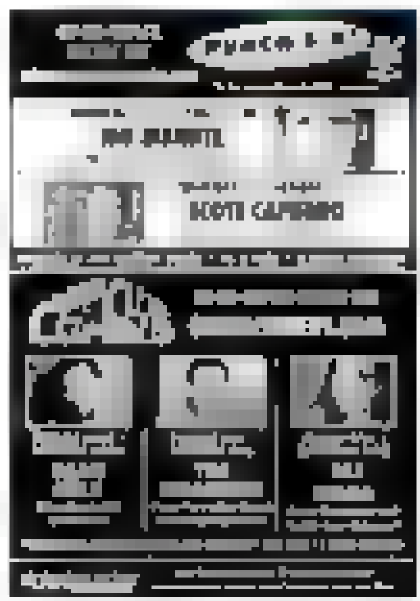
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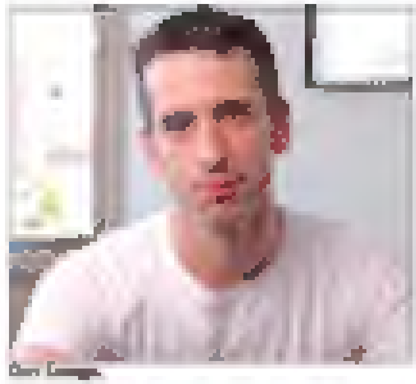
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Ashley's Ashes

Why celebrating the Ashley Madison hack is badly misguided.

By Dan Savage



Dan Savage

Please don't publish public-service announcements about the Ashley Madison hack, and request that NO ONE look up information on ANYONE other than their own spouse. I'm a former AM user. I've been married to my wife for twenty years. We met when we were both twenty years old. Seven years ago, I made a selfish decision to have an affair, and five years ago, my wife found out. She hated me for a while, but we worked things out. I have been faithful since then, and our marriage is better than ever. Since my wife already knows everything, I have no worries about her finding out. But what about every other person I know? It is mortifying to think about my colleagues or my wife's family poring through my profile information. I'm going to assume the best — most people have the common decency not to snoop into their neighbors' bedroom habits — but it would be great if you could ask people to respect other people's privacy.

Really Freaked Guy Regretting Everyone's Stupid Shame

I'm happy to back you up, REGRETS, but I don't share your faith in humanity. Most people are only too delighted to snoop into their neighbors' bedroom habits — particularly when doing so induces feelings of moral superiority. And I like to think the kind of puritanical busybodies who would go looking for names in the Ashley Madison dump are unlikely to be readers of mine, so they wouldn't see my Ashley Madison PSA anyway.

But I have to disagree with your suggestion that people should look for their spouses' names in the AM data. If someone's in a shitty, high-conflict marriage and needs an excuse to get out — because no-fault divorce isn't good enough for him or her — okay, sure, that person might search for his or her spouse's name. But people who are in loving, functional, low-conflict, happy-ish marriages might want to think twice. Finding out that your spouse cheated — or fantasized about cheating — is impossible to unknow, and it's something many people can't get over. Caveat searcher.

I'm one of those men who had an Ashley Madison account. But for me, and probably for many others, AM has been a strong antidote to the urge to cheat. Spending some time on AM taught me the following: (1) I'm nothing special — there are millions of other men looking for the same thing, and many of them are younger and better looking. (2) The women on AM are nothing special — the few who even bother chatting with you are often looking for money, and your wife starts looking damn good by comparison. (3) The whole thing is basically a scam to separate horny middle-aged guys from our cash. And it doesn't even have the relatively honest charm of a strip club.

Ashley Madison Mark

There's no way to tell the difference between an Ashley Madison member who came to his (or her) senses before cheating, like AMM here, and a member who fucked a dozen other people — or, for that matter, a member who had a good reason for being on the site. . .

I'm one of the rare people in the Ashley Madison hacker mess. But as pissed as I am about the hackers — the shortcomings of the site, the security of the site, the hackers' self-righteous moralizing — I can attest to the fact that one can get what one is looking for on that site. Yes, there were a lot of fake profiles. Yes, there were a lot of pros. Yes, there were women looking to steal your identity. Seriously. But once you figured out the game, you could find a lot of real women on that site who were looking for someone to spend time with. I'll be pissed if I get busted as a result of all of this, but knowing that site helped me reclaim my sanity after a decline in our marriage.

Don't Attack This Adulterer

Slogging through the Savage Love mail for the last 25 years has convinced me of this: Some married people have grounds to cheat. Men and women trapped in sexless or loveless marriages, men and women who have been abandoned sexually and/or emotionally by spouses they aren't able to leave — either because their spouses are economically dependent on them (or vice versa) or because they may have children who are dependent on both partners. It would be wonderful if everyone who felt compelled to cheat could either negotiate an open relationship or end the one they're in, sure, but there are cases where cheating is the least worst option for all involved.

Now, I don't know the particulars of DATA's marriage — why it's been sexless for so long, what the damage is — but if cashing out elsewhere allowed DATA to stay sane and stay married, and if the marriage is otherwise affectionate and low-conflict, and if DATA's wife didn't want to see her marriage end, DATA may have done her a favor by getting on Ashley Madison. Loyalty isn't something we can demonstrate only with our genitals.

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